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2. Jim also reported that it now appeared that we would not have to move anything out of the [REDACTED] Warehouse. The engineers are working around the clock and he now believes that we can stay there while they do the necessary repairs.

US/A 3. Emmett Echols was in to see me about a letter which had been referred to him for comment by the Office of the Director. This letter was from Abbott Washburn of the International Cooperation Administration and proposed a sort of interagency career service for those agencies interested in "national security affairs." It referred to the Sprague Committee Report, which none of us has seen, and envisaged the rotation of selected people among the several agencies. I told him that he should indorse the idea but point out the pitfalls if we should encourage people to believe that this was going to be done on a very large scale. (Insofar as the Sprague Committee Report is concerned, it is my understanding that the Agency has only one copy but that we are printing another fifty. We will insure that we get one.) H

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4. I approved of Emmett recruiting a [REDACTED] for direct entry into the Office of Personnel at a grade GS-8 salary. [REDACTED] has degrees in "Business Administration" and "Law" and is within the range of those who would be qualified for the JOT Program. 25X1A9a

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6. [REDACTED] was up to discuss the memorandum to the DD/P concerning our "housing policy." There seems to be quite a bit of objection to this new policy in the DD/P Area, although no one has any better suggestion to offer. If, in fact, the Inspector General is correct that our present policy is being abused, I think that we have an

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obligation to do something and this is as good as anything that has come up so far. I told Vernon to go ahead and present it to Dick Bissell and see what his reaction was.

25X1A9a 7. I also talked with Vernon about applying the new Regulation on "Surplus Personnel" to the SA Service and told him that I would like to have some recommendations from him and [REDACTED] at a very early date as to just what we should do and how we should go about it. I emphasized that I thought it should be applied in this Service to some degree. H

25X1A9a 8. Since the flood continues to be a definite possibility and could occur over the weekend, I talked to [REDACTED] several times about his emergency plan. In meeting with representatives of the DD/S, DD/I and DD/P Areas he has evolved a plan
25X1A6d under which about 1100 people would go to the [REDACTED] using both
25X1A6d quarters and office space for office space. Most of them would commute, and we would move to [REDACTED] those records and equipment which have to be moved. It might be necessary to rent some vans to take some safes to the Center for the use of the force there. The Office of Logistics is looking into this and Security approves. Inasmuch as the Director and General Cabell are not aware of our plan, I have arranged to brief at least General Cabell tomorrow morning.

9. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that he would be prepared to give General Cabell, Kirkpatrick and me the semiannual briefing on security cases of concern to us at any time after the 23rd of February. I told him that I would make the necessary arrangements with General Cabell and Kirk.

25X1A9a 10. I gave Emmett Echols permission to continue Mr. [REDACTED] of the Sprague Committee on our rolls through 6 March 1961.

25X1A9a 11. Emmett Echols advised me that a Miss Andler from the Office of the Director of Personnel, Secretary of Defense, had telephoned requesting a brief background sketch on [REDACTED], stating that they were considering him for a grade GS-18 job in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. I told him to tell her that if they were
25X1A9a interested in Mr. [REDACTED] they should contact either me or the Director and that he
25X1A9a should not furnish the desired information. (I informed [REDACTED] of this later in the day. He was very surprised, but not interested in any job in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.)

25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] was in to see me about his proposed assignment to [REDACTED] in
25X1A6a lieu of [REDACTED]. He is, of course, disappointed about [REDACTED] but understands. He was 25X1A6a

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worried about [REDACTED] as to whether he would be able to get along with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
I told him that Ted was not the easiest person in the world to get along with but that
he had a lot of ability, and that knowing both him and [REDACTED] I really thought that he
wouldn't have any difficulty. This seemed to satisfy him.

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MEETINGS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1961

DIRECTOR

3:00 p.m. - State Department

4:00 p.m. - Mr. [REDACTED]

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

2:00 p.m. - Admin. Watch Committee Meeting

DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

3:00 p.m. - With Director at State Department

DEPUTY DIRECTOR (INTELLIGENCE)

1:00 p.m. - Lunch at State Department

INSPECTOR GENERAL

12:45 p.m. - Lunch with Mr. [REDACTED]

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NATIONAL RELATIONS)

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